

Springerville Town Council

Minutes

April 2, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Council: Mary Nedrow Vice Mayor, Eric Baca, Pete Hunt and Phelps Wilkins

Excused: Kay Dyson

Staff: Steve West Interim Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery & Eduardo Coronado Legal Counsel, Larisa Bogardus, Tom Malone, Max Sadler, Sheila Dulhanty.

Public: Ron Cavanaugh, Kevin Burk, Susan Silva, Larry Chavez, Candy Cook, Chuck Corey, Michael Hotaling with C&S Consultants, and Jim Binnick from Shephard Wesnitzer, Inc. Larry Chavez, Mike Gowey and Jennifer Prochnow Chamber Director.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Mayor Nedrow.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance as led by Councilman Baca, Invocation by Councilman Hunt.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Jennifer Prochnow Chamber Director gave the monthly report for the Chamber. She reported that they were awarded a grant from the Office of Tourism for racks. They are working on the summer events and have picked "American Hero's" as the theme for the Fourth of July parade. Ms Prochnow also advised the council that she would be attending the Women's Expo in the Valley this month.

Vice Mayor Nedrow announced that they pull item 11 forward so they wouldn't have to stay through the meeting.

11. Airport Engineering Services:

Michael Hotaling the new airport consultant briefly talked about C & S Companies. He reported they are based in San Diego and have been in business for over forty years and working with airports like Springerville assisting, supporting and working with them to maximize potential benefits. He said they had already begun talking with Arizona DOT Aeronautics and FAA about projects and reformulating the sequence of projects to maximize the benefits at the airport. He reported that Jim Binnick from Shephard Wesnitzer a Northern Arizona Engineering firm is a team mate to C & S. and bring together a national experience with their Northern Arizona expertise in engineering. Mr. Hotaling felt that our airport is a great facility with great potential and an asset for the Town of Springerville.

Jim Binnick from Shephard Wesnitzer also said they were excited about working with Springerville.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the proposed contract and work order for C & S.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Consider approval of the March 12, 2008 town council public hearing minutes.
- b. Consider approval of the March 19, 2008 town council meeting minutes.

Phelps Wilkins/Pete Hunt motion to approve consent items 5a-5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Old Business:

6. Resolution 2008-R004: Discussion and action regarding resolution 2008-R004 amending the Town fee schedule to increase rates for water and wastewater service.

Eric Baca/Phelps Wilkins motion to adopt resolution 2008-R004 amending the Town fee schedule.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Phelps Wilkins

Nays:	Pete Hunt
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7. Tax Code Ordinance: Discussion and action regarding a second reading of ordinance 2008-004 adopting the 2008 Tax Code Amendments of the Town of Springerville.

Second reading of ordinance 2008-004 by Vice Mayor Nedrow, "An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, relating to the Privilege License Tax; adopting "The 2008 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Springerville" by reference; establishing an effective date, providing for severability and providing penalties for violations.

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to approve Ordinance 2008-004 adopting the "2008 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Springerville.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

8. Resolution 2008-R007: Discussion and action regarding resolution 2008-R007 authoring the submission of a technical assistance grant application.

Phelps Wilkins/Mary Nedrow motion to approve resolution 2008-R007 authorizing the submission of a technical assistance grant application to WIFA for a water system capital improvement plan.

Ms. Bogardus This refines what was put together with the rate study and give us a better handle of what the cost might be and develop strategies for funding projects and adjust rates appropriately. The match for this grant will come out of the next fiscal budget.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

9. Resolution 2008-R008: Discussion and action regarding resolution 2008-R008 authorizing the submission of a technical assistance grant application to WIFA for a wastewater system capital improvement plan.

Pete Hunt/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve resolution 2008-R008.

Ms. Bogardus noted that this is basically the same grant however the town was advised by WIFA that they would only award one grant but didn't know which grant there would be money available for and encouraged the town to apply for both grants.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow  
Eric Baca  
Pete Hunt  
Phelps Wilkins

10. Arizona Height Modernization Program: Discussion and action regarding entering into an agreement with Arizona Height Modernization Program (AZHMP) GNSS for a Base Station partnership.

Mr. West explained that in surveying and GIS communities exact wave points have been established on maps that will eventually cover the United States. This device makes those measurements exact to within a quarter of an inch and Springerville was promoted to accept one of these devices at no cost. This device is an antenna that is based at the police department. They will furnish all the materials and all of the maintenance.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to enter into an agreement with Arizona Height Modernization Program for a Base Station partnership.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow  
Eric Baca  
Pete Hunt  
Phelps Wilkins

11. Appeal to the State Transportation Board: Discussion and action regarding authorization from the town council to file an appeal to the State Transportation Board to fund the airport terminal project at \$500,000 in the 08-09 fiscal year (which includes a \$50,000 match from the Town).

Sheila Dulhanty explained that a capital improvement proposal that included building a new terminal building had been submitted to the State of Arizona because our current terminal is in the runway visibility zone. The State initially removed the terminal from the plan due to the State's budget cuts but are now requesting that the town attend the Transportation Board meeting to appeal this decision during the State Transportation Board meeting and include this with discretionary funds. The Town's share of the cost would be \$50,000 or ten percent of the projected \$500,000 project and ADOT Aeronautics would pay 90%.

Mr. West stated that the major issue is whether this is a priority when we're looking at future cycle's when the town will have to come up with almost \$120,000 plus for runway construction in a couple of years. He advised the council that if we accept this money and we don't have the money available for our match we will loose face with Transportation Board for future funding. They would like for us to reconstruct the terminal now however they are not pressuring us to do it immediately. He said this is a decision that needs to be made by the council before we go forward with this.

The consensus of the council was that this wasn't an issue at the moment.

Phelps Wilkins motion to table this item. The motion died for lack of a second.

13. Resolution No. 2008-R009: Discussion and action regarding Resolution 2008-R009, accepting the dedication of Wenima Road as a public thoroughfare.

A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, accepting the Assignment of Right-of-Way No.16-96350 from the Arizona State Land Department.

Mr. West explained that this is an easement that the Town has taken care of for several years. This is the State land giving the Town ownership of this easement.

Eric Baca/Phelps Wilkins motion to adopt Resolution 2008-R009 accepting Arizona State Land Department Right-of-Way 16-96350 and authorizing the manager to sign the appropriate documents.

Mr. Shaffery disclosed that that particular road was the subject of litigation between two parties and two law firms from Phoenix. He advised the council that because of the litigation he felt that it was in the town's best interest to adopt this easement by resolution.

In answer to a question from the public regarding paving and fencing this easement Mr. West explained that the town is and has maintained and have nothing in the near future planned for anything other than basic maintenance.

Ms. Bogardus clarified that this easement doesn't make it a dedicated roadway in the city street system and we are not mandated to pave it because it is not a formal part of our street system. This is a right-of-way for legal access to properties and we are accepting it as an easement. We are not mandated to pave this

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

14. Town of Springerville Employee Manual: Discussion and action regarding a change to the medical benefit in the employee manual.

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to approve the change to the employee manual regarding salary in lieu of insurance with an effective date of July 1, 2008.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

15. Executive Session:

- a. Consider entering into executive session to discuss the town manager position.
- b. Any action/discussion as a result of the executive session.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to enter into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Pete Hunt/Phelps Wilkins motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Vice Mayor Nedrow announced that executive session was to have discussion regarding the town manager position and receive information.

Pete Hunt/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

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Mary Nedrow Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday April 2, 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Town Clerk